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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 398
By Chumney

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Fred Patrick
Gattas III of Memphis to the Tennessee Higher
Education Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-201, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission "to achieve coordination and unity in the program of public higher education"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(a)(1), provides that the Governor shall appoint ten (10) voting members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(d)(1), provides for the appointment of a student representative from the University of Tennessee system; such representative shall serve a two (2) year term and the position shall rotate equally among the four (4) primary University of Tennessee campuses; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(d)(2)(A), provides that a student from the University of Tennessee Medical Units at Memphis shall serve as the student representative of the University of Tennessee system from July 1, 1999 until July 1, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has appointed Fred Patrick Gattas III of Memphis to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission as the student representative from the University of Tennessee system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gattas has distinguished himself as a dedicated student who is wholly committed to excellence in public higher education; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Memphis, Mr. Gattas is presently pursuing his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Tennessee at Memphis; his expected graduation date is 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gattas has served with acumen and alacrity as the President of the Pharmacy Student Government Association and as Vice-President of his Pharmacy Class of 2001; and

WHEREAS, he has also served his peers with distinction as the Pharmacy Student Government Association Representative and President of Phi Delta Chi, the professional pharmacy fraternity; and

WHEREAS, he has also been an important part of the UT-Memphis Student Government Association, serving astutely as the College of Pharmacy representative and as a member of the Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Gattas has given generously of his time and talents as an employee and volunteer/liaison with Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, a Loving Arms Volunteer (HIV Children's Outreach Program), a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and the Memphis Inter-Faith Association, and as a founding member of the University of Memphis Chapter of Circle K; and

WHEREAS, he has also worked with purpose and commitment to provide medication counseling, wellness screenings and immunizations at area senior citizen facilities and pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, Fred Patrick Gattas III is a person of impeccable integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this state and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Fred Patrick Gattas III as the student representative of the University of Tennessee system on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to serve the remainder of an unexpired term set to expire on July 1, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Gattas, with this final clause omitted from such copy.